

Poverty in North Carolina

Through the Lens of Hunger

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Why poverty through the
lens of hunger?

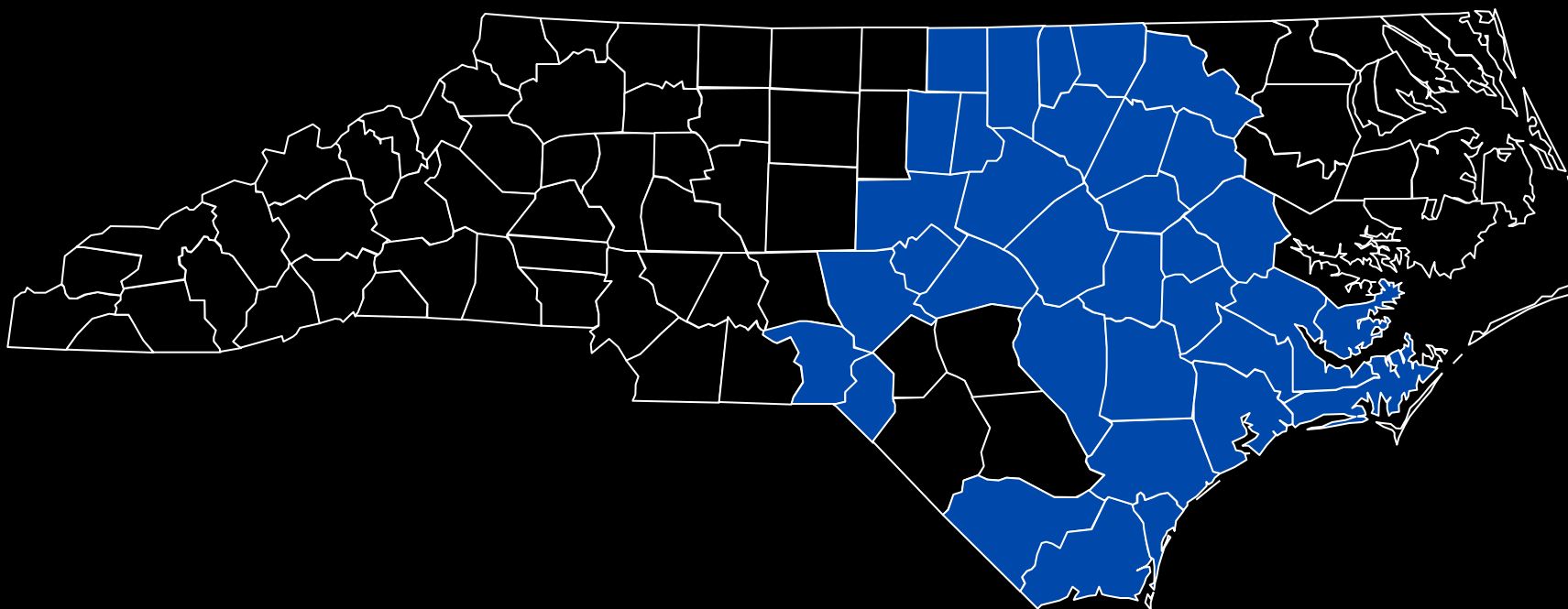
If you can't put enough
food on the table, you
can't make ends meet.



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Let's look just at the 34
counties making up the
service area for the Food
Bank of Central and
Eastern N.C.



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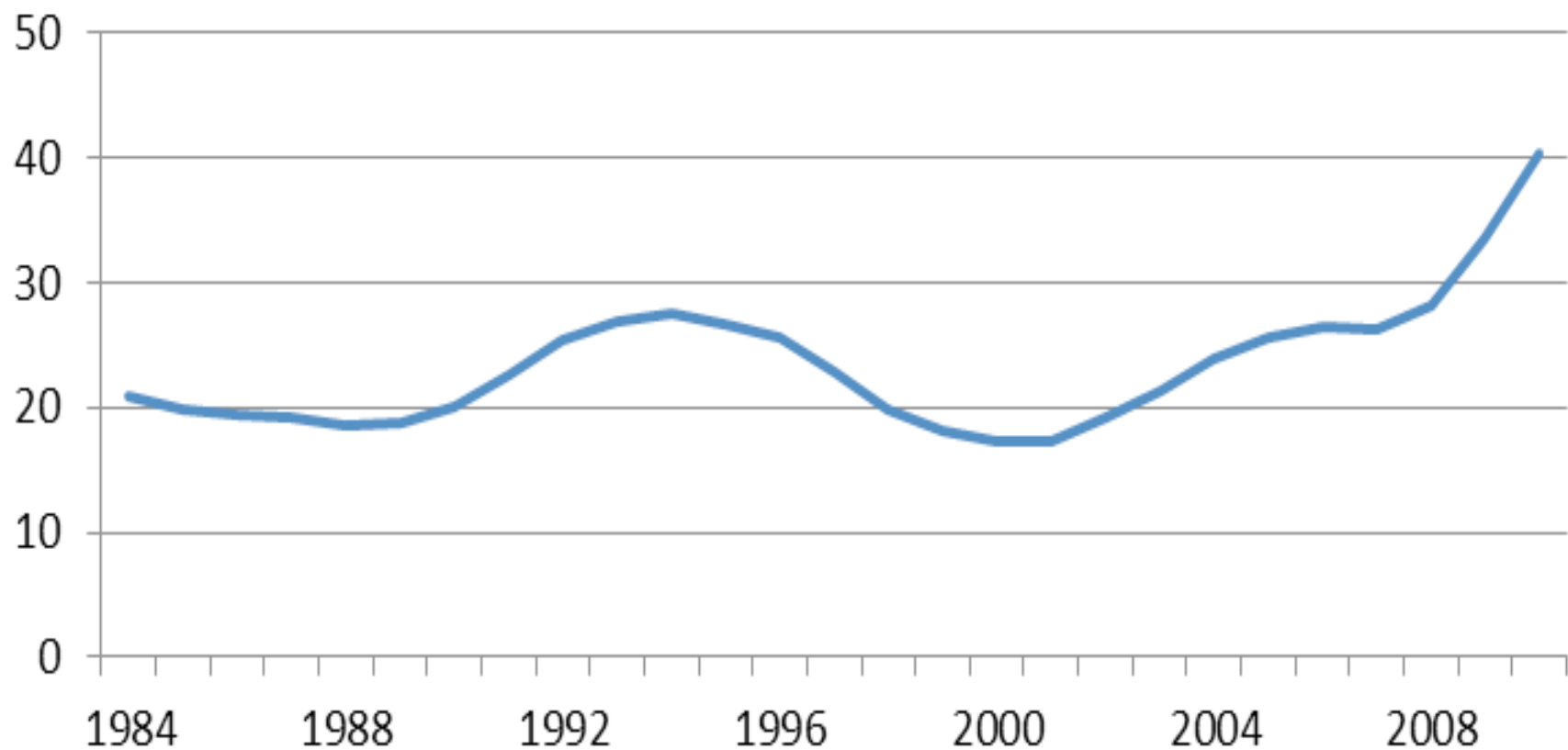
This figure is from only the three largest of the six food banks we have in the state.

Demand more than doubles in the
past 4 years

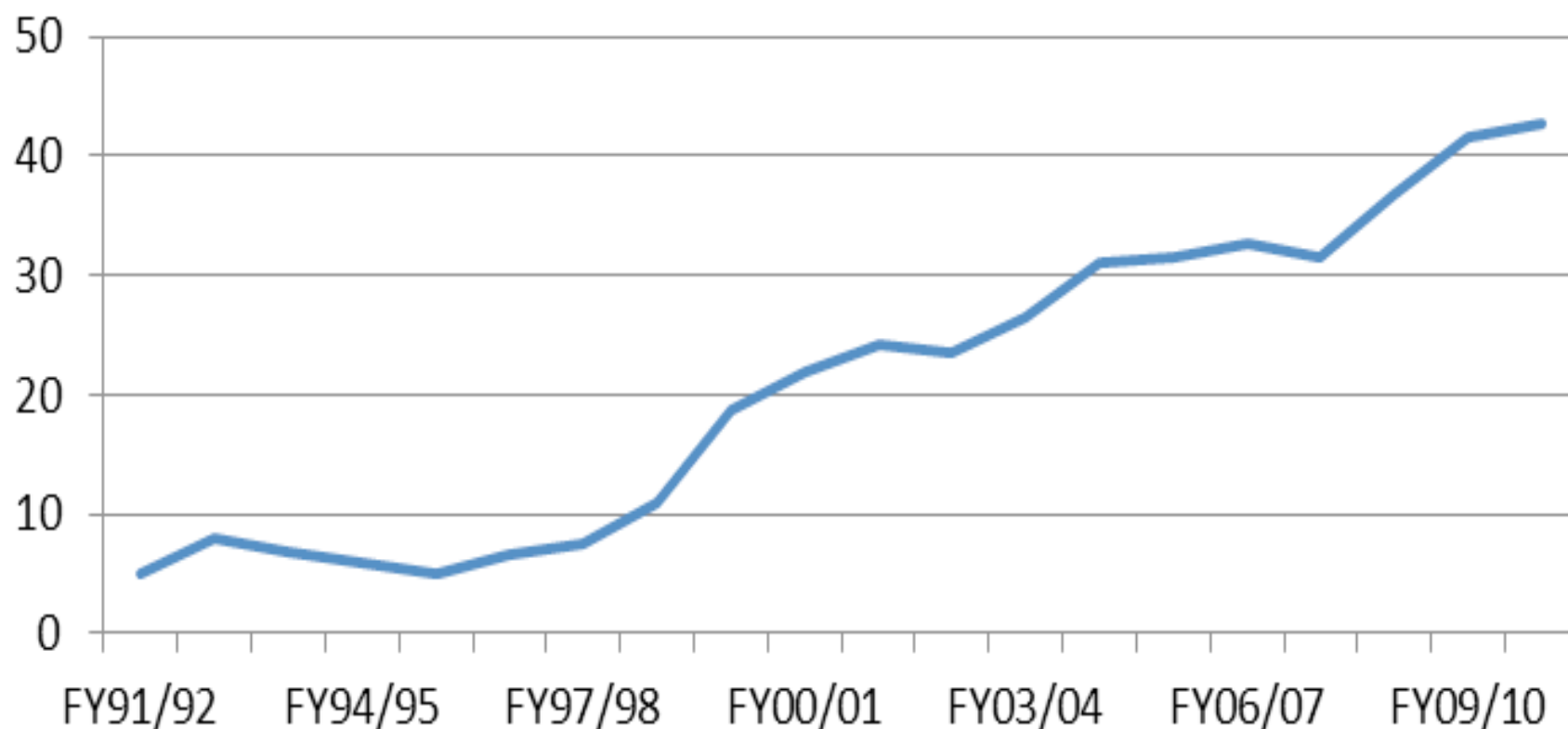
Demand more than doubles from
1997-2001



Average Number of Individuals Receiving Food Stamps (SNAP) (in millions)



Pounds of Food Distributed by Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina (in millions)



Are there poor people in N.C.?

14.4 percent of the population, or
1.4 million, report having to skip
meals to make ends meet

Are there very poor people in N.C.?

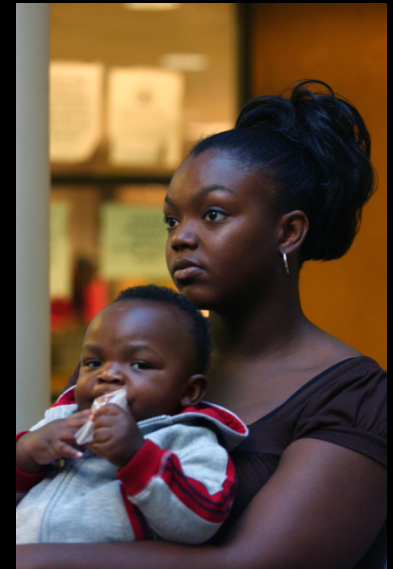
4 percent of the population suffer
from physical effects of hunger

Are there kids growing up in poverty
in N.C.?

1 in 4 live in a household where
you can't count on if or how the
next meal will be provided.

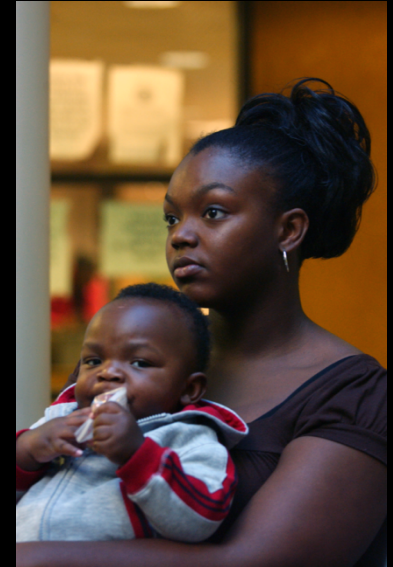


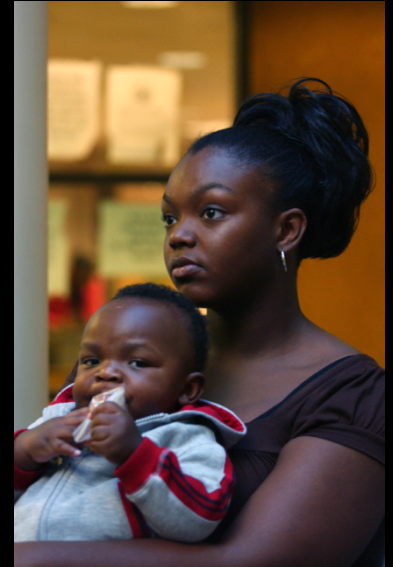












Poverty is temporary, right?

In North Carolina, people getting help from local food pantries stay on average of 4 years more than those without jobs.





Poverty in N.C. is vastly *under-*
estimated

It has a direct, immediate impact on
the ability of children to succeed in
school

Every day



